

to help the ocean carriers be more responsive to their customers. This bill is a pro-competitive bill that will help facilitate U.S. imports and exports. In 2007, the European Union eliminated the antitrust immunity that ocean carriers had from their laws. I am not aware of any ocean carriers being put out of business because of the loss of that exemption. Under the "Shipping Act of 2010", carriers will have to compete based on price and services in the same way as all other major industries in the United States.

IN HONOR OF GERALD A. DEPIERO

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Gerald A. "Jerry" DePiero, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, mentor, retired firefighter, business owner and active citizen.

Mr. DePiero served the Parma community and our nation with honor and dedication. He served in the National Guard for 6 months and protected the people of Parma as a firefighter for 25 years. He combined his street smarts with business savvy and founded one of the largest real estate offices in Ohio; a branch of Century 21, DePiero and Associates, Inc.

Mr. DePiero was known for his kind, giving and generous nature. For 49 years, he was a devoted husband to Roberta. Together they raised four children: Lisa, Chris, Matt and Dean. His devotion to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchild was unwavering. He was the treasured grandfather of Nick, Jenni, Cory, Jake, Luke, Melissa, the late Erin, the late Andrew, Sean and Blake. He was the beloved great-grandfather of Isabela, and father-in-law of Laura, MJ and Kathleen. He was the beloved brother of Ray, brother-in-law of Dorothy, and caring uncle and cousin to many. Mr. DePiero was a devoted friend and mentor to many.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Gerald A. "Jerry" DePiero. I offer my condolences to his family, friends and to everyone who knew him well. Mr. DePiero lived his life with a generous heart and an unwavering love for family, friends and community. His service and generosity will never be forgotten.

**EXPULSION OF HUMANITARIAN WORKERS CALLS INTO QUESTION MOROCCO'S COMMITMENT TO THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, on Monday, the King of Morocco travelled to New York to address the UN General Assembly Summit on the Millennium Development Goals, which seek to improve the quality of life for people around the world. I urge Obama Administration officials to seize this opportunity to meet

with the King and raise the plight of the dozens of U.S. citizens that have been expelled from or denied reentry into Morocco without access to due process.

As a result of the deportations a number of humanitarian organizations which were run by U.S. citizens and provided vital community services have been shuttered: Individuals such as Eddie and Lynn Padilla of Colorado who worked in an orphanage caring for young Moroccan children who were abandoned at birth; and Michael Cloud of Texas, who ran therapy centers for children with disabilities across the country; and scores of American teachers and educators who sought to improve access to education for Moroccan children.

Many of these individuals resided legally in Morocco for decades and had a deep love for their adopted country. Their work supported Millennium Development Goals such as child health and universal education. In his address to the General Assembly on Monday, the King of Morocco expressed his support for and commitment to these lofty goals. Meanwhile, his government turned out dozens of U.S. citizens and foreign nationals whose work supported the same goals for which the King professed his support.

If the King of Morocco is truly serious about his commitment to achieving the Millennium Development goals, his government should immediately and unconditionally allow those expelled or denied reentry to return. The U.S. government should press for nothing less.

IN CELEBRATION OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise as a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and member of the House Taiwan caucus to express my congratulations to the leaders and people of the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of National Day this October 10th.

It has been nearly a century since the October 10, 1911 start of the revolution that toppled the Qing dynasty and established the Republic of China, the first republic in Asia. Today the ROC on Taiwan has become a full-fledged democracy and a beacon of prosperity and freedom for all of Asia. Just twenty some years ago, Taiwan was a closed authoritarian society with no freedom of speech, no freedom of assembly, and no right to vote. It now has robust political parties, and virtually every office in Taiwan is contested through free and fair elections.

Two and a half years ago, Taiwan successfully concluded its fourth popular election for president since 1996 by electing Dr. Ma Ying-jeou. President Ma has worked tirelessly since his inauguration on May 20, 2008 to improve the relationship between Taiwan and the Chinese mainland and he has been a strong ally to the United States.

The Taiwanese and the Chinese mainland governments have worked together in productive talks on issues such as direct cross-strait flights and shipping, more tourist visits by mainlanders to Taiwan, and the recent signing for Economic Cooperation Framework Agree-

ment (ECFA) that serves as a platform for economic interaction between the two sides. This cooperation has served to reduce tensions in the Strait considerably.

Taiwan has long been a strategic partner of the United States. We have worked closely with the government of President Ma and our mutual relationship continues to be strong. It is my hope that the relations will continue to grow through enhanced cooperation in trade, science and technology, educational and cultural exchanges, security cooperation and Taiwan's participation in international organizations.

As Taiwan has demonstrated cooperation in good faith both with the mainland and with the United States, I hope that it will soon enjoy greater inclusion in the international community. It is exciting to learn that Taiwan was once again invited last May to attend the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva, Switzerland as an observer. This was a breakthrough for Taiwan's participation in a formal UN activity since in 1971, the world body switched recognition to mainland China.

However, this is not enough. I strongly urge my colleagues to recognize Taiwan's participation in the WHA and encourage them to put pressure on the international community to allow Taiwan's participation in the activities of other organizations such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Madam Speaker, I would ask all of my colleagues to congratulate our Taiwanese friends on the 99th Anniversary of National Day and to join me now in thanking the people of Taiwan for their friendship.

HONORING LINDA PIERCE, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION NURSES

**HON. BETTY SUTTON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Linda Pierce, PhD, RN, CRRN, CNS, FAHA of the University of Toledo College of Nursing and president of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN), a constituent from my congressional district. Ms. Pierce will soon complete her year as the 2009–2010 national president of the ARN, a professional organization representing nurses who work to enhance the quality of life for those who are affected by physical disabilities or chronic illnesses. During her tenure as president at ARN, Ms. Pierce has been a strong leader and advocate for rehabilitation nurses, as well as the patients ARN serves everyday.

Since 1974, ARN has been the leading source for the latest rehabilitation information, resources, and professional development and career opportunities for rehabilitation nursing professionals. ARN members are nurses with a broad range of clinical experience dedicated to helping individuals affected by chronic illness or a physical disability adapt to their disabilities, achieve their greatest potential, and work toward productive, independent lives.

Presently, ARN is comprised of a nationwide network of more than 5,500 rehabilitation